

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jennie Van Zanten was born on October 11, 1903, to Dutch immigrant parents, Jacob and Jannetje Van Zanten, at New Holland, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Jennie married New Holland farmer, Tony Van Zee, and to that union six children were born, and they supported their family by farming when times were good, but in the 1940s when farming was not as good, they went on the road as migrant workers; and,

Whereas, Five years after Tony passed away, Jennie married a Platte farmer, John Vanden Bos, and after John's death, Jennie lived alone until 1990 when she moved to a nursing home; and,

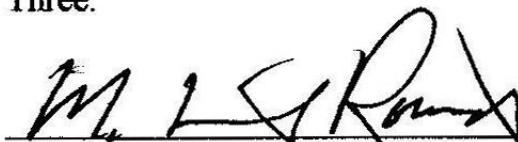
Whereas, Jennie will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather for an open house at the Platte Christian Reformed Church on October 4, 2003, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2003, as

JENNIE VANDEN BOS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State